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The undersigned hereby appoints:

The attorneys/agents associated with **Customer No. 24280** as its attorneys and agents for prosecution of matters relating to the above-identified patent application and to conduct all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

All correspondence should be sent to:

Patent Department  
Choate, Hall & Stewart  
Two International Place  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110  
Attn: Brenda Herschbach Jarrell, Ph.D.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Name: Marc Leroux  
Title: President and Managing Director  
Date: May 2nd 2006  
On Behalf of: Valorisation Recherche, Limited Partnership,  
acting through its general partner Gestion Univalor,  
limited partnership, itself acting through its general  
partner Univalor Inc.  
5160, boulevard Décarie, Suite 770  
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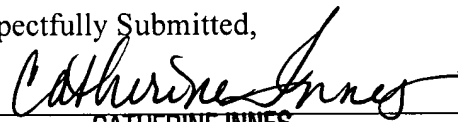
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Name: CATHERINE INNES  
Title: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF  
Date: TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT  
On Behalf of: University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill

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**ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION**  
**(37 CFR § 3.73(b))**

The inventors of the above-referenced United States patent application have assigned their entire right, title, and interest in the inventions disclosed therein according to the following table:

Assignor	Assignee
Normand Brisson	Université de Montréal
Darrell Desveaux	Université de Montréal
Jurgen Sygusch	Université de Montréal
Université de Montréal	Valorisation Recherche, Limited Partnership

Thus, the Assignee of the inventors' entire right, title, and interest is:

**Valorisation Recherche, Limited Partnership**

According to 37 CFR § 3.73(b), the Assignee is entitled to take action relating to the application in the Patent and Trademark Office if the Assignee establishes ownership to the satisfaction of the Commissioner.

Ownership by the assignee is established as follows:

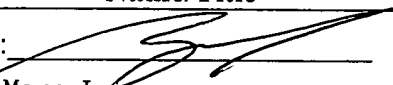
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**STATEMENT**

I, person(s) authorized to sign on behalf of the Assignee, have reviewed the evidentiary documents referred to above and certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is mine/ours as Assignee who seeks to take further action.

Name/Title	Assignee	Date
Signature:  Name: <u>Marc Leroux</u> Title: <u>President and Managing Director</u>	Valorisation Recherche, Limited Partnership, acting through its general partner Gestion Univalor, limited partnership, itself acting through its general partner Univalor Inc. 5160, boulevard Décarie, Suite 770 Montréal (Québec) H3X 2H9	<u>May 2nd 2006</u>

## ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

### UNIVERSAL

WHEREAS, UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL, 2900 Edouard-Montpetit Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 3A7 (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") is the co-owner of the entire rights, title and interest in and to the invention entitled *Plant transcriptional activator and uses thereof* and described in US patent application number 60 / 479, 871, filed with the USPTO on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003;

WHEREAS, VALORISATION-RECHERCHE, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, 3744 Jean-Brillant street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3T 1P1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to said invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, its entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention, and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute application(s) or supplementary disclosure(s) which may be filed upon said invention, in any country worldwide; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said Assignee.

Assignor further agrees, without any payment by said Assignee other than expenses incurred by the undersigned, to communicate to said Assignee, its representatives or agents, any facts relating to said invention, including evidence for interference purposes or for other proceedings, whenever requested; testify in any interference, litigation or other proceedings, whenever requested; and to execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective, and likewise make these provisions binding upon Assignor's successors, administrators and assigns.

*Les soussignées désirent que la présente cession d'invention soit rédigée en anglais.* The undersigned request that the present Assignment of Invention be drafted in English.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has signed this Assignment of Invention at the places and on the dates indicated below.

**ASSIGNOR**

Signed at Montreal, Quebec, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004

**UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL**

Per :

  
**RÉAL LALLIER**

General Director, Research

**ASSIGNEE**

Signed at Montreal, Quebec, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004

**VALORISATION-RECHERCHE,  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**, acting through its  
general partner **Gestion Univalor, société en  
commandite**, itself acting through its general partner  
**Univalor Inc.**

Per :

  
**MARC LÉROUX**

President Managing-director

## ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

### UNIVERSAL

WHEREAS, We, **BRISSON, Normand, DESVEAUX, Darrell** and **SYGUSCH, Jurgen** whose full post office addresses are respectively 9354, avenue de Galinée, Montréal (Québec) H2M 2A6; 605 Jones Ferry Road, Apt. JJ1 Carrboro, North Carolina 27510 USA and 4195, avenue Harvard, Montréal (Québec) H4A 2W8 (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignors"), have invented and created an invention entitled *Plant transcriptional activator and uses thereof* and described in US patent application number 60 / 479, 871, filed with the USPTO on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003;

WHEREAS **UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL** (hereinafter "UdeM"), whose full post office address is 2900 Edouard-Montpetit Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 3A7 (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention, and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute application(s) or supplementary disclosure(s) which may be filed upon said invention, in any country; and we hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said Assignee.

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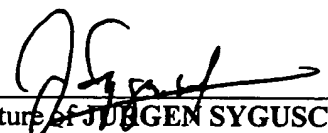
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Signature of **NORMAND BRISSON**

Signed at Montreal, Quebec, this Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004

  
Signature of **DARRELL DESVEAUX**

Signed at Montreal, Quebec, this Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004

  
Signature of **JUCHEN SYGUSCH**

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<b>Inventor</b>	<b>Assignee</b>
Rajagopal Subramaniam	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Thus, the Assignee of the inventor's entire right, title, and interest is:

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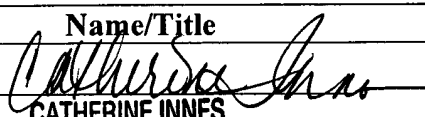
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Name/Title		Assignee	Date
Signature: 		University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill CB 4105, Bynum Hall Chapel Hill, NC 27599-4105	5/5/06
Name: CATHERINE INNES			
Title: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT			

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## ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

### UNIVERSAL

WHEREAS, I, **RAJAGOPAL, Subramaniam**, whose full post office address is 275 Laurier Avenue East, Appt. 8, Ottawa, ON, K1N 6P7, Canada (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor"), have co-invented an invention entitled *Plant transcriptional activator and uses thereof* and described in US patent application number 60 / 479, 871, filed with the USPTO on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003;

WHEREAS **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL** (hereinafter "UNC"), whose full post office address is CB 4105, Bynum Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-4105 USA, represented herein by Robert I. Pozner, its Senior Associate Director, Office of Technology Development (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also my entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention, and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute application(s) or supplementary disclosure(s) which may be filed upon said invention, in any country; and we hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said Assignee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has signed this Assignment of Invention at the places and on the dates indicated below.

**ASSIGNOR**

Signed at SCH<sup>1A</sup>, this Oct 25, 2004

SCH  
Signature of **SUBRAMANIAM RAJAGOPAL**

**ASSIGNEE**

Signed at Chapel Hill, N.C., this Nov 16, 2004  
USA

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**

Per: Robert I. Pozner  
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Senior Associate Director, Office of  
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